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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a four count superseding indictment¹ charging **TYRONE PRATT**, with distribution of cocaine base (crack cocaine), in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C); possession of 5 grams or more of cocaine base (crack cocaine) with intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B); possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(D); possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A); and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g); all on or about June 18, 2007 and June 19, 2007, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The superseding indictment charges that the defendant distributed cocaine base, possessed over 5 grams of crack cocaine and marijuana with intent to distribute and possessed a Astra Model .45 caliber pistol loaded with 10 live rounds of ammunition in furtherance of the drug trafficking crimes.

If convicted of all charges, defendant Pratt faces a total maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum 10 years imprisonment, a period of no less than 4 years up to life of supervised release, and a \$3,500,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Melanie E. Babb.

¹ An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
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